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Enhanced 911 Emergency Calling Systems)	DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OF KSI INC.

KSI Inc. ("KSI"), pursuant to Section 1.415(d) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.415(d), hereby submits its Additional Comments in the wireless Enhanced 911 ("E911") rule making proceeding.¹ By Public Notice dated February 16, 1996, the Commission seeks comment on whether to adopt, in whole or in part, the February 13, 1996, ex parte presentation by the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association ("CTIA"), National Emergency Number Association ("NENA"), Association of Public Safety Communications Officials ("APCO"), and National Association of State Nine One One Administrators ("NASNA") entitled "Public Safety-Wireless Industry Consensus: Wireless Compatibility Issues, CC Docket No. 94-102" ("Consensus Agreement").

The Consensus Agreement proposes a two-step implementation schedule for wireless E911 service. In Phase I, cell site information, calling party automatic number identification ("ANI"), 911 availability from any service initialized mobile radio handset, 911 access for speech and hearing-

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¹ Revision of the Commission's Rules to Ensure Compatibility with Enhanced 911 Emergency Calling Systems, CC Docket No. 94-102, Notice of Proposed Rule Making, 59 Fed. Reg. 54878 (1994) ("NPRM").

impaired callers using text telephone ("TTY") devices, and call-back capability would be implemented within 12 or 18 months after adoption of an Order in this Docket. In Phase II, within five years after adoption of an Order in this Docket, automatic location of wireless callers within 125 meters Root Mean Square ("RMS") must be achieved. The Consensus Agreement also requests the Commission 1) to declare that state and local 911 fees and taxes are not barred and that such fees should not discriminate between wireless and wireline carriers and 2) to resolve carrier and public safety legal liability issues.

KSI has actively participated in this proceeding since the NPRM was released on October 19, 1994, by filing Comments on January 9, 1995, and Reply Comments on March 17, 1995. KSI continues to commend the Commission for its efforts to require that E911 services be made available to mobile radio service users to enhance safety. KSI also notes the contributions made by the public safety community and the wireless industry to advance this proceeding. As such, the Consensus Agreement put forth by CTIA, NENA, APCO, and NASNA represents another important step forward in achieving an Order that will speed the provision of E911 services. KSI enthusiastically supports the Consensus Agreement consistent with the clarifying modifications set forth below and supported by the accompanying materials.

A. The Commission Should Order that Wireless E911 Service Be Fully Operational By the End of Phase II By Mandating a 12-Month Timeframe for Phase I, Requiring Annual Progress Reports on Implementation and Refusing to Grant Any Extensions.

As the Commission is aware, location technologies exist today that are capable of meeting the accuracy standards proposed by the <u>NPRM</u> and the Consensus Agreement. Thus, there is no reason to delay a requirement that wireless E911 service be made available as quickly as possible.

KSI acknowledges that although the technology is capable of currently being implemented, deployment considerations necessitate a reasonable period of time before this service must be provided by commercial mobile radio service ("CMRS") providers. The Consensus Agreement reports that Public Safety Communicators ("PSCs") urge the adoption of a 12-month timeframe for Phase I governing the provision of cell site information using a seven or ten-digit pseudo-ANI and a seven or ten-digit caller ANI, depending on the local landline network's signaling capability. CTIA believes that 18 months is a realistic period.² KSI strongly supports the 12-month period urged by PSCs. As stated above, there is no reason to delay any aspect of this service given the capabilities that exist today and the enormous public safety benefits that can be achieved.

For the same reasons, KSI urges the Commission to impress on all parties to this proceeding that the five-year period for Phase II represents the maximum amount of time to implement wireless E911 service fully and completely. Because it is clear that the Commission is committed to issuing a Report and Order in this docket as quickly as possible, KSI believes that a five-year period is more than adequate for carriers to implement this service. If, however, a Report and Order is not issued promptly, KSI strongly urges the Commission to set a specific completion date for implementation such as April 1, 2001. In addition, the Commission should make it clear that there will be no extensions of Phase II and, to ensure that there is no possibility of delay beyond the five-year period, the Commission should require annual progress reports that demonstrate exactly what has been accomplished and a time table that illustrates how full implementation of wireless E911 service will be achieved on or before the expiration of Phase II.

² Consensus Agreement at 1, n.1.

B. The Commission Should Adopt a Performance Requirement that Ensures That a Phase II Location Capability Includes the Provision of Timely Locations.

As noted above, KSI supports the adoption of a date certain by which CMRS providers must be able automatically to establish the location of 911 callers and to provide that information to the appropriate public safety answering service ("PSAP"). Both the NPRM and the Consensus Agreement acknowledge that the public interest requires enhanced efficiency for 911 wireless service since no static data base can provide the needed location information to route calls to the appropriate PSAP. To achieve the required level of E911 service, information about the caller's locations must be received in a sufficiently timely manner to support prompt call routing to the appropriate PSAP and to support direction of the responses. Thus, KSI urges the Commission to mandate a specific performance requirement that addresses the maximum acceptable latency period for the provision of caller location information and respectfully suggests that the period be no longer than five seconds.

To further ensure that the public receives sufficient public safety benefits, KSI also urges the Commission to require the successive timely updating of location information within the 125 meter RMS distance criterion at ten-second intervals over the duration of the call in progress. The mobile context demands such successive updating. While the routing and placement of a mobile call may be rapid, the mobile caller may frequently move beyond the 125 meter RMS range from an initial location before the PSAP agent can answer the call. Furthermore, successive updating provides progressively improved location accuracy not only when the callers are in motion, but also when initial stationary information at call setup is degraded. Technology currently exists to provide these important public safety benefits. For example, KSI's Direction Finding Localization System

("DFLS") is capable of providing initial location information for the control channel before such information becomes available for a voice channel and ongoing location information for any voice channel. Without such a requirement, mobile callers will continue to lack adequate protection.

As KSI stated in its Comments, all CMRS providers, including providers of data messaging services for units such as two-way pagers and wireless personal digital assistants ("PDAs"), should be required to meet E911 standards.³ Providers of Intelligent Transportation Systems ("ITS") solutions for Emergency Notification and Personal Security ("ENPS"), for example, are likely to embrace data transmission implementations. KSI notes that its DFLS infrastructure does not preclude locating data messaging units. By mandating E911 requirements for all CMRS providers at the outset, the Commission can avoid future problems associated with imposing E911 on excluded providers. KSI understands, however, that if a compromise solution is not possible that includes all CMRS providers at the outset, then the Commission should not delay the imposition of E911 rules on other CMRS providers.

C. Real Field Data Collected by KSI Indicate that Accurate Location Information for Standard, <u>Unmodified Cellular Telephones Is Currently Obtainable</u>.

In the interest of developing support for the acceptance of wireless E911, KSI has shared its expertise in and knowledge of location information technology within the wireless community. KSI has also participated extensively with wireless service providers, equipment manufacturers, and CTIA staff in various settings such as joint expert meetings ("JEMs") and NENA, APCO and NASNA deliberations in an effort to reach a consensus on E911. KSI has brought a unique perspective to the debate as one of the few companies with the experience and expertise in design,

³ Comments of KSI Inc. at 15-16.

development and deployment of location information systems. KSI previously submitted data for control-message-derived (call setup) fixed locations and voice-communication locations for both fixed and mobile units.⁴

KSI notes that, in most cases, robust implementations of location technology have employed the type of statistical performance measures set forth in KSI's Comments⁵ and Reply Comments.⁶ KSI strongly believes that descriptions of accuracy such as those depicting the semi-major and semi-minor axes and the inclination representing the elliptical region of uncertainty at a specified probability of containment would convey the information appropriate to ensure a timely PSAP response and to facilitate better understanding by users. Alternatively, a required maximal radius of circular error probability ("Rcep") for the elliptical area equivalent at the associated containment probability is commonly used to specify the performance of location information systems. Nevertheless, KSI supports the compromise of 125 meters RMS as set forth in the NPRM and the Consensus Agreement.

In Exhibit 4 to the Consensus Agreement, CTIA has included a letter from Louis A. Stilp of the Associated Group to Bob Miller, 911 Director of the New Jersey Office of Emergency Telecommunications Systems dated January 3, 1996. KSI wishes to clarify certain misunderstandings contained in that letter regarding real field data for localization technology. KSI has collected an abundance of data using two-standard deviation uncertainty ellipse axes rather than

⁴ Comments of KSI Inc. at App. B, pp. 5-6; Reply Comments of KSI Inc., Figs. 1-5.

⁵ Comments of KSI Inc. at 20-22.

⁶ Reply Comments of KSI Inc. at 4-5.

RMS because the former provides more information.⁷ KSI has collected RMS data consistent with the criteria set forth in the Consensus Agreement, however, and has submitted it to the Commission attached to its January 30, 1996, ex parte filing. Additional RMS data is attached to these Additional Comments as Exhibit A.⁸

⁷ KSI has collected literally thousands of sets of field trial data from fixed and moving positions over broad geographic regions in two states and has routinely evaluated the accuracy of the locations obtained with the measures of performance more typically used in the localization industry.

⁸ The Stilp letter contains a further misunderstanding in that it purports that Dr. Maloney had any "disagreement" with any data or actual performance characteristic measurements for any particular system. Dr. Maloney did not state or imply he was "willing [to] back off" KSI's experience that the accuracy of localization systems can often be characterized by the statistical expectations associated with two-dimensional normal distributions. Certainly Dr. Maloney did not question the observed results that Mr. Stilp presented, but merely advised the PSCs that, when a generic system performance is characterized by unbiased, two-dimensional, normal Gaussian distributions, such a system contains 63-68 percent of the actual positions within one RMS miss-distance of the estimated positions. KSI's DFLS technology can be adequately represented by two-dimensional normal distributions, which can be associated with either Rayleigh or Rice-Nakagami distributions for the miss distances. The observed RMS values for DFLS are typically far smaller than the 125 meters set forth in the NPRM or the Consensus Agreement, and the DFLS containment percentages within a 125 meter distance are typically 100 percent.

CONCLUSION

KSI urges the Commission to adopt the <u>NPRM</u> consistent with the Consensus Agreement and the modifications suggested in KSI's Comments, Reply Comments and Additional Comments.

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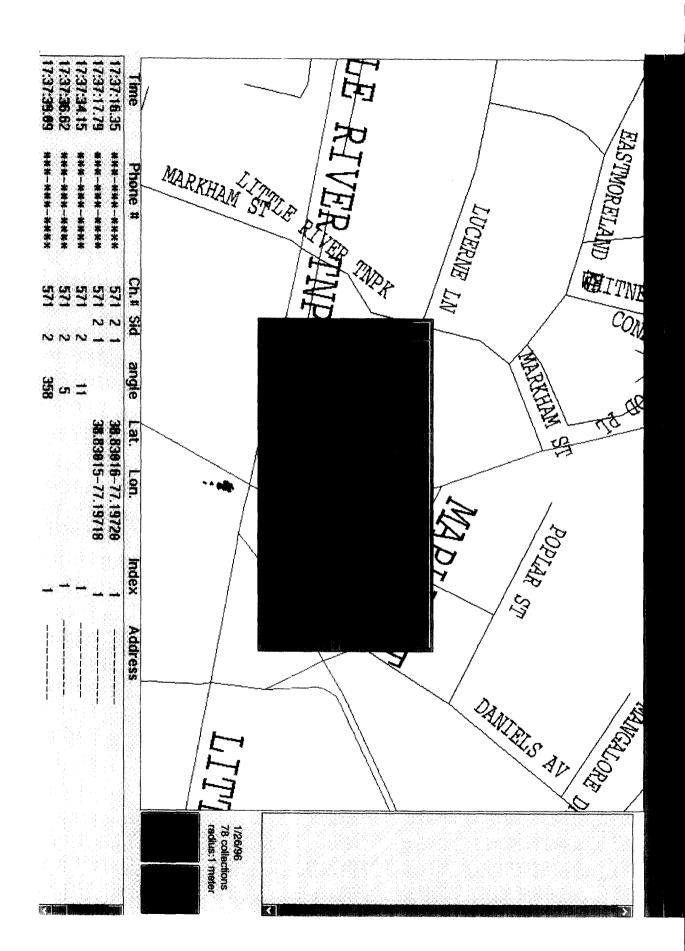
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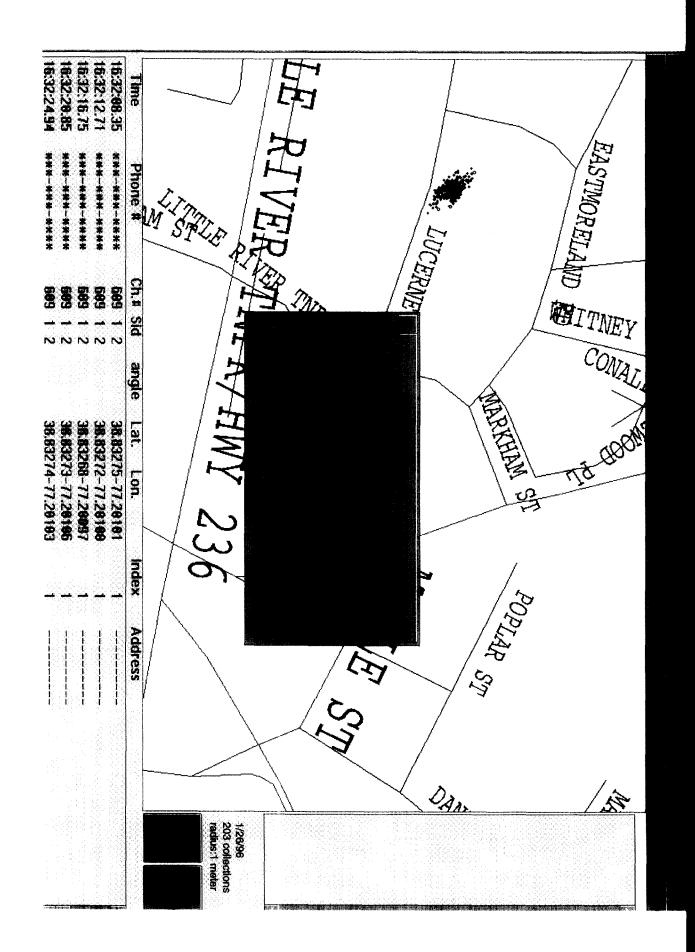
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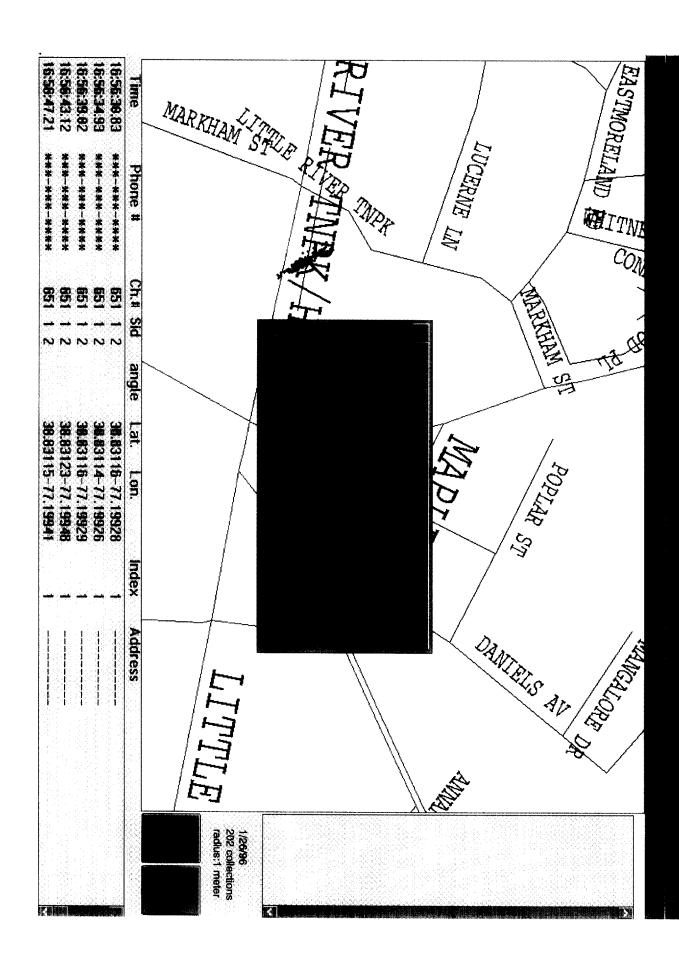
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